

CLAIMS

1. A process for the preparation of a coffee product comprising the step of compressing a roasted coffee in a roller press to form a compressed body of
5 coffee.
2. A process according to claim 1, wherein the roasted coffee is a ground or flaked coffee.
- 10 3. A process according to any preceding claim, wherein external cooling is applied to the coffee prior to the step of compressing.
4. A process according to any preceding claim, wherein external cooling is applied to the coffee during the step of compressing.
- 15 5. A process according to any preceding claim, wherein the roller press comprises a profiled or pocketed roller.
6. A process according to any preceding claim, wherein the roller press
20 comprises two pocketed rollers.
7. A process according to any preceding claim, wherein the density of the compressed coffee is greater than 0.95g/cm^3 .
- 25 8. A process according to any preceding claim, further comprising the step of crushing the coffee tablet to form a particulate coffee product.
9. A process according to claim 8, further comprising the step of packaging the particulate coffee in a brewing capsule.
- 30 10. A compressed body of coffee obtainable by a process according to any one of claims 1 to 7.

11. A compressed body of coffee according to claim 10, wherein the tablet does not have opposed flat faces.

12. A particulate coffee obtainable by a process according to claim 7.

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13. A particulate coffee according to claim 12, having a particle size (e.g. D(4,3)) of from about 200 μ m to about 600 μ m.

14. A particulate coffee according to claim 12 or 13, having a tap density of
10 greater than about 0.5g/cm³.

15. A coffee brewing capsule containing a particulate coffee according to claim 12, 13 or 14.

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